New Bedford Wed. Oct 26. 1842.

Dear Deborah, I ought to begin this letter to Lucia, for she has written the loveliest long newsy letters full of little interesting bits, but I bethink me, the letter came through your hands. This afternoon I dispatched a letter to Caroline which will finally reach you. After dinner, I dressed up & called on Mrs Morgan. She was very pleasant & I liked her. She asked me if there was no chance that you would come back; she had hoped you might come back after the Fair. I answered politely that when you left N.B. it was your intention to pass the winter in town & I supposed that was your intention now. She said the children had picked up information somewhere that you were coming back in the spring but she told them not to depend on mere child's talk. — I had in short, a pleasant call. Then Gracie & I called on Mrs Lindsey. I begin to think her the worst of all flesh. She uses Gracie abominably. I dont know but I shall stir her up to rebellion. I can tell you many little interesting things, when we meet. She was very gracious to me & asked Gracie & I to come & pass Saturday evening there to which we assented. Then Gracie took me into a room in the Parker House, where Mrs Adams of Boston is selling all sorts of things for a few days, for once the first time in my life, I bought a thing unpremeditatedly. I bought a very pretty collar for a dollar & 62 cts. Gracie helped buy it & you know she is a good judge of bargains. I call it handsome. It is wrought, of course. Then I went back to Gracie's to tea & had a very pleasant evening. Mrs E. works all the time for the Fair. I was very glad to get Lucia's letter. As Ma was sick at this time last year, I get up a fidget about her every now & then. Lucia certainly has a gift at letter writing. Farewell. I must go to bed to get up & do 10 sums to-morrow morning, as my pupils are going ahead.

Thursday night. I write only for the name of the thing. It is cold & I am in a hurry to go bed. Nothing has happened to day & I have seen nobody. Mrs Beave is very poorly, weakness, nervousness, pain in her face etc. Only 3 weeks more. "Patience Cousin!" etc.

The Emersons have been so very kind that I want to give them some thing when I come away. Is there any thing I can give to Mary. I dare say that would please them as much as any thing. I dont like to wait till the Fair because I think it would be more valued if given now. Some think a little muff. Write me about it.

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Friday night. Last night I was not very smart but I am well to night. Another week is ended. At noon came the Liberator & Post. I disliked the whole spirit of the N. E. meeting. There is no doubt that I am new organized in that point. If I had been there I would not have remained on the Ex. Com. I was glad to see the Faneuil Hall meeting. Mrs Beane had the Dr to day. I think her in very poor health. You will be shocked & sorry to hear that Ellen Gibson has been married to Shadrach Howard about a month & has just had a baby. I am ready to annihilate her. The Johnsons feel bad of course. I have spent this evening at Mrs Emerson's. Mary C. & William Coffin were there. Mrs E. told me that she had seen Mary Eddy she & Susan Taber were hurt at not being asked to give their names to the Fair. Mrs E. fully cleared herself & me. I wish you could hear the stories I pick up about Mrs Lindsey but they must be told, not written. I was sorry to see by to night's Post, for I had one & Graham's Magazine that Harriet Norris' husband has hanged himself. I am sorry for her.

Saturday night. This morning Mary Eddy & Susan Taber called. They were very affectionate indeed. Mary Eddy wanted me to come & take tea with her tomorrow. It was finally settled that I would come Monday. This afternoon I did a little shopping & called at W. C. Taber's store. He was very civil. To night Mr & Mrs E. & I have been to the Lindsey's. She was very polite, but it is evident she has most killed her husband & is as jealous of Grace as possible. Mr Watson her awful father came home with me. I found Caroline's bundle at home. Mrs Bradley had undone it & taken out the ~~letter~~ bonnet. Luckily the letters were all sealed. I am dreadfully troubled at Ma's having been poorly again. I get more worried about her than all the rest put together. I shall send this off Monday so that you may write forthwith. I paid Miss Swift to day 75 cts. Pamela called to day, & she took on so about Henry I could not help crying myself. She felt with all the quickness & delicacy which so many people want. Sunday night. I went over to Grace's just before church & have been there all day. Mr & Mrs E. & I have been to Lambert's all day. I call him a handsome fashionable looking sort of a man, twice as pleasing as Kirk. He preached a

very pious person this afternoon, though I don't know as it amounted
to much. What is there bad about him? I can't exactly call
any thing to mind, but his boarding at the Parker House, & yet I
seem to have some thing against him. The Howlands were at
meeting. They go to N. Y. tomorrow. Mrs H sent love to you, but she
has given nothing to the Fair. As I was writing in the cold last
night, I could not write much, but I will now tell you about
my going to Mr Eddy's. She asked me for Sunday night, to take tea,
in her own room of course. They were just going & I was rather
hurried, so said yes, thoughtlessly. After she was gone I did not feel
easy to go Sunday so told Gracie, accidentally about it when I
saw her, & then wrote as pretty a note to Mrs E. as I could excusing
myself, & saying I would come Monday. I meant to take my note
when we went to Mrs L's. In the afternoon, Mrs Eddy, called on
Gracie to ask them to come Sunday evening & Gracie told her
very properly what I had said. Then it was arranged we should
come on Monday. Gracie then came over to tell me what she
had done & as I was out, she left a message with Mrs Beane
& thus Mrs B. knew what I should not otherwise have told her,
for reasons which may occur to you. When Mr Beane gave the
message it naturally enough led to our talking about Sabbath
keeping, & she said she should be unwilling to go out *at all* Sun
or have any calls; that if any body came to see them Sun
evening, they should say they rec'd no calls. I told her I was
probably not so precise as she was, that though I should make no
formal visits, yet I should always feel at liberty to go & see
any very near or dear friend on that day. She said she should
were the friend devotedly pious; not otherwise. this I took for
a slap at Gracie. The truth is that though I have always
thought that my religion & salvation were both as great as
yours, yet somehow Mrs Beane's clericalism does make a reserve
between her & me. It sometimes gives way, but I keep getting
privately incensed with her, & she I doubt not thinks me a
sinner depending on anti slavery for salvation. It is strange but
neither Mr B. nor Mrs Brodkey provoke me as she sometimes
does. I know the family miss your talk & news, for they do
not get never so much from me, & they frequently comment on
your wonderful ability at getting news. Now I don't see that sym
pathy in them that makes me want to tell them what I do get.
Mr Beane is going to bring up the

subject of slavery in the church a week from Monday. He thinks they will take right ground. I doubt. I mean to tell him to bring in the Negro pew question which will be a real test. I have as usual had a good day at Grace's. W. Coffin took tea there & spent the evening. We shall go to M. Eddy's tomorrow & on Wed Mrs Eddy & I are to take tea at Mrs Emerson's. J. I. C. Abbot has published a sermon about slavery & I have seen an extract from it in the Recorder. I think it shabby and believe he feels the tide rising so that something must be done, but Mr Beane thinks I am rather uncharitable. I want you to write the moment you get this & tell me about Miss Leavitt, for I have felt uneasy ever since I got Caroline's letter last night. I am so afraid of her getting sick again this winter. Had you not better send Lizzy back to town. Caroline sent directions about Mrs Bradley's bonnet. When I saw her this morning she asked how we did in town? "very well" said I "there was a message about the bonnet which I will tell you some other time." I am resolved not to abate this Sabbath. Give my love to all especially to dear Petkin & write immediately. Only 3 weeks more, but that looks long. ever yrs A.W.

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[illegible] to ask you if you ever left at Grace's a pair of hem stitched linen cuffs with no lace on them. She wants to know if they are yours. They were found in a book. The bonnet did very well for Mrs Bradley.

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